

## Getting Married

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To have your marriage recognized by the state, you will need to

- Obtain a marriage license
- Participate in a civil or religious ceremony in Washington State
- Complete and file the Department of Health Certificate of Marriage

## Applicant Requirements

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Applicants for a marriage license will need to appear together at the Auditor's Office or complete an application for a marriage license and have their application signatures certified by a notary.

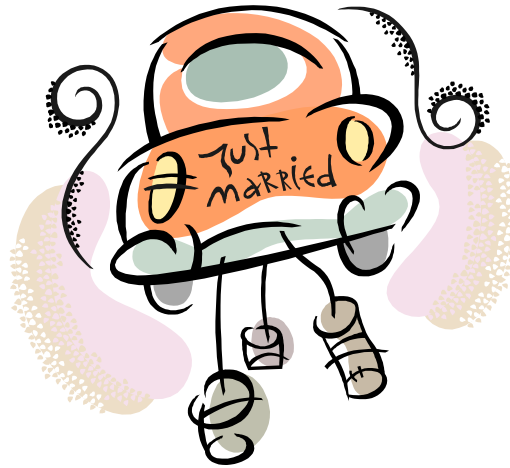
Applicants must be 18 years old to obtain a marriage license without parental consent.

If one or both applicants are 17 years old, the applicant(s) must appear with a parent or custodian at the time of completing the application.

The parent/custodian must:

- complete an affidavit of guardianship
- have their signature authenticated by a notary or one of our deputy auditors.

Individuals under 17 must have permission from a court to apply for a marriage license.



### Snohomish County Auditor's Office Recording Division

3000 Rockefeller Ave, M/S 204  
Everett, WA 98201  
Robert J. Drewel Building  
(East administration building)

#### Monday – Thursday

9am to noon / 1pm to 5pm

#### Friday

9am to noon / 1pm to 4pm

**Closed Daily** noon to 1pm

(425)388-3483

Contact.Recording@snoco.org

[www.snoco.org](http://www.snoco.org),

keyword search "Recording"

***Congratulations!  
You're Getting  
Married***



Snohomish County Auditor's Office  
Recording Division

## Applying for a Marriage License

Couples can apply for a marriage license with the Recording Division of the Snohomish County Auditor's Office at:

3000 Rockefeller Ave  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor Customer Service Center  
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Licenses are not issued on Saturday, Sunday or holidays.

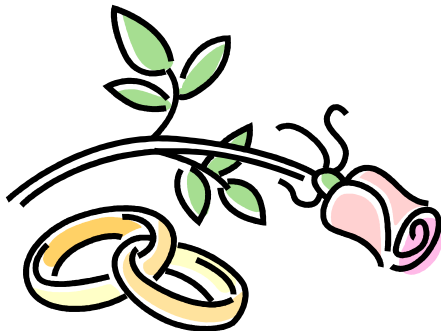
Please allow ½ hour to complete the application and payment process.

Marriage licenses cost \$64. We accept:

- cash
- money order
- Visa/MasterCard
- cashier's check

Personal checks are **not** accepted.

If you apply by mail, payment must be made by money order or cashier's check.



## Participating in a Ceremony

Once the marriage application is completed and processed, the marriage license will be issued.

The license is not valid (cannot be used) until the third day after the application is filed. There are no exceptions.

The license remains valid for 60 days from the date the application is filed.

The ceremony can take place in any county within Washington State.



The ceremony can be performed by:

- licensed or ordained ministers or priests of any church or religious denomination
- justices of the Supreme Court
- judges of the court of appeals, superior court or courts of limited jurisdiction
- superior court commissioners

The marriage license is void if the ceremony is not performed within 60 days of the application date or within the State of Washington.

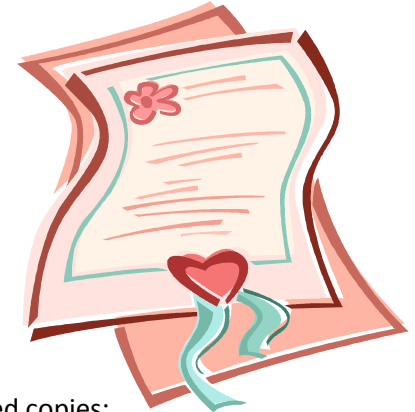
## Filing the Certificate of Marriage

The officiant has 30 days from the date of the ceremony to return the Department of Health Certificate of Marriage to the Recording Division.

The certificate must be returned to our office even if the ceremony took place in another county.

The certificate of marriage will be verified, receipted and recorded upon receipt.

Once this process is complete, a certified copy may be obtained to provide proof of the marriage.



Certified copies:

- are \$3 per certified copy
- can be obtained in person, by mail with a form available on our website ([www.snoco.org](http://www.snoco.org) , keyword search "Recording") or by contacting the Recording Office at **425-388-3483**.

Certified copies are not automatically sent to the married couples.